

**Minutes**  
*of the*  
**One Hundred Forty First  
Annual Session  
OF THE  
Original Mates Creek Regular  
Primitive Baptist Association**

**ORGANIZED IN 1849**

*Held with*  
**The Old Pond  
Primitive Baptist Church  
BELFRY, PIKE COUNTY, KENTUCKY  
September 3, 4, and 5  
1993**

Next Session convenes with the Big Creek Church, located at Canada, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1994.

DIRECTIONS: From Pikeville, Ky., take Route 119 N. to Canada, Kentucky and (follow signs).

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# ***Proceedings***

## ***Of the Original Mates Creek Regular Primitive Baptist Association held with the Old Pond Church.***

FRIDAY MORNING — September 3, 1993

The association was called to order by the Assistant Moderator.  
Prayer by Elder Homer Blackburn.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Jimmy Lee Smith.  
Text: I Corinthians 13:1-3 — "And have not charity — I am nothing."

Called for the letters from all churches. The letter from the Old Pond Church was read. Moved and seconded that we accept the letters and have the names of messengers enrolled in the minutes. Moved and seconded to appoint Elmer Thacker to serve as Moderator until election of officers. Moved and seconded to appoint Paul D. Justice to serve as Clerk until election of officers.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** The Association elected the following to serve for the coming year.

ELDER ROBERT WORRIX .....	Moderator
ELDER MICHAEL SMITH .....	Assistant Moderator
ELDER RANDAL THORNSBURY .....	Clerk
DEACON LESLIE HATFIELD .....	Assistant Clerk

Newly constituted churches called for. None.

Moved and seconded that we have our Abstract of Principles, Rules of Decorum, and Constitution printed in the minutes. Messengers appointed last year to visit Sister Associations reported, and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Correspondence from Sister Associations received and seated as follows:

**SAND LICK:** Elder Joshua Viers, Elder Garnell Gilbert, Elder Roger Rose, Elder Ostil Smith, Deacon Fayne Viers.

**BURNING SPRINGS:** Elder Frank E. Montgomery, Elder Owen Blanton, Elder William Littleton, Roby Gullett.

**ST. CLAIR BOTTOM:** Elder Billy Cook, Elder Eddie Lyle, Deacon Edd Presnell.

**LITTLE YADKIN RIVER:** Elder Vance Jones.

**MT. ZION:** Elder Franklin Oresta, Elder Alford Compton.

**UNION:** Elder Trillis Adams, Elder Dallas Adams, Jr., Deacon Teddie Stevens, Deacon Tommy Adams, Deacon Bobby Adams.

Visitors from Associations and various churches received and seated as follows:



SAND LICK: Brothers: Earnest Newberry, Ray Vandyke, Buford Deel, Bruce Edwards, Sisters: Cora Owens, Juanita Newberry, Thelma L. Elswick, Nadine Vandyke

BURNING SPRINGS: Brothers: Avery Isom, Mutt Mullins, Sister Wanda Littleton

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Sister Hulda Jones, Myrtle Baker, Nonnie Jones, Brother Floyd Baker

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: Elder Hugh Blevins, Sisters Virgie Lyle, Nettie Presnell

UNION: Brother Ray Adams, Sisters: Jean Adams, Ruby Adams, Mary L. Stevens

MT. ENON ASSOC. OF FL.: Elders: Hollis Albritton, Jr., Robert Mayhorn, Brothers: Wallace Hall, Cleo Riley, Townzel Hall, Donald Hudson, W. B. Tomlinson, Vernell Vaughn, Sisters: Georgia E. Tomlinson, Mary Hudson, Willia Hall.

WARFARE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Brother Mark Christner

BEECH GROVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Ellis Lynn

MT. CARMEL PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Elder Frank Newsome

WILSON CHURCH OF NORTH CAROLINA: Brother Eddie Bostic, Sister Betty Bostic

Moved and seconded that the moderator make all temporary appointments.

A messenger from each church together with all the messengers from the Old Pond Church was appointed to arrange for the preaching. They reported the following:

A. Friday afternoon at Old Pond Church: Hollis Albritton, Frank Oresta, Billy Cook, Jerry Brown

B. Friday night at Samaria Church: David Bailey, Don Hatfield, Alfred Compton, J. C. Hager

C. Friday night at Little Hope Church: Jimmy Moore, Elmer Brown, Harrison Smith, Paul Varney, Vance Jones

D. Friday night at Raccoon Church: Bobby Mayhorn, Lundy Coleman, Jerry Brown, Dallas Adams, Trillas Adams

E. Friday night at Grapevine Church: Johnny Jacobs, David A. Thacker, Onis Smith, Estil Hackney

F. Saturday morning at Old Pond Church: Vance Jones, Ellis Lynn, David Bailey

G. Saturday afternoon at Old Pond Church: Ostil Smith, Eddie Lyle, William Littleton

H. Saturday night at Louisa Church: Ellis Lynn, Lundy Coleman, Paul D. Justice, Don Hatfield



I. Saturday night at Peter Creek Church: Alford Compton, David Bailey, William Littleton, Eddie Lyle

J. Saturday night at Big Creek Church: Opa Thacker, Paris Blackburn, Mike Smith, Ostil Smith, Homer Blackburn

K. Saturday night at Calvary Church: Jim Moore, Franklin Viers, Greg Moore, Noah Slone, Harrison Smith

L. Saturday night at Little Union Church: Elmer Brown, Hollis Albritton, Vance Jones, Robert Mayhorn, J. C. Hager

Committee on Arrangements was appointed as follows: Ireland Adkins, Don Hatfield, Michael Elswick, Clifton Preece, Wade Ratliff, Paul Smith, Virgil Smith, John Smith, Opa Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Edd Hunt, Glen Vipperman, Estil Van Dyle, Lonnie Worrix, Troy Wheeler, John Holyfield, Jim Moore, Kenneth Chapman.

Committee on Finance was appointed as follows: Dennis Dotson, Daris Kinder, R. T. Thacker.

Messengers who agreed to visit Sister Associations as correspondence are as follows:

SAND LICK: Noah Slone, Fonso Justice, Johnny Jacobs, Jimmy Moore, Harrison Smith, Elmer Brown, Richard Tucker.

UNION: Noah Slone, Joseph Slone, Johnny Smith, Elmer Brown, Johnny Jacobs.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM: J. C. Hager, Jimmy Moore, Noah Slone, Harrison Smith, Elmer Thacker, Don Hatfield, Johnny Jacobs, Fonso Justice, Michael Smith.

BURNING SPRINGS: J. C. Hager, Elmer Brown, Michael Smith, Joseph Slone, Paul Varney, Johnny Smith, Harrison Smith, Fonso Justice, Noah Slone, Jim Moore.

LITTLE YADKIN RIVER: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, Homer Blackburn, Harrison Smith, Jim Moore, Joseph Slone.

MT. ZION: Don Hatfield, Johnny Jacobs, Onis Smith, Noah Slone.

NEW LIBERTY: Don Hatfield, Noah Slone, Elbert Church, Elmer Thacker.

Moved and seconded that the association be adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Saturday Morning.

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SATURDAY MORNING — September 4, 1993

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder Vance Jones.

Roll called and absents marked.



Committee on Arrangements reported the following:

Committee met at Lunch Room at Old Pond and was called to order by the Moderator.

#1 We recommend that Samaria Church have the annual meeting for 1994.

#2 We recommend that Big Creek Church host the Association for 1994.

#3 Called for the Circular Letter, which was written by Elder Clifford Thacker. Elder Noah Slone read the letter, due to the fact that Brother Clifford was unable to attend. Accepted, moved and seconded to print letter.

#4 We recommend that the Association carry on its work on Saturday in the usual manner.

Moved and seconded that the committee's work be accepted and that they be discharged.

Moved and seconded that our annual meeting be held with Samaria Church to begin Friday before the last Saturday in March, 1994.

Committee of Preaching reported the following for Sunday:

Song and Prayer by Elder William Littleton

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| 1. Elder Garnell Gilbert | 4. Elder Robert Worrix         |
| 2. Elder Robert Mayhorn  | 5. Elder Roger Rose to dismiss |
| 3. Elder Franklin Viers  |                                |

Finance Committee reported \$1,645.00 and was discharged.

Called on Union Meetings appointees to report. They reported and those unable to fulfill their appointments were excused.

Union meetings and their appointees are as follows:

LOUISA: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1994. Elders to attend: Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Kit Ratliff, Paul D. Justice, David A. Thacker, Ernest Blair, Rufford Howell, Jimmie L. Smith, Elmer Brown, Elmer Thacker, David May, Owen Blanton, and Randal Thornsby.

OLD POND: Meets Friday before the second Saturday in June, 1994. Elders to attend: Onis Smith, Mike Smith, Bobby Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Michael Elswick, David A. Thacker, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Walter Sullivan, Elbert Church, Jimmie L. Smith, Ernest Blair, Noah Slone, Elmer Thacker, Paris Blackburn, R. T. Thacker and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

BIG CREEK: Meets Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1994. Elders to attend: Basil Hatfield, Greg Moore, Walter Sullivan, J. C. Hager, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Jimmie L. Smith, David Jacobs, Mike Smith, Robert Worrix, Johnny Jacobs, Elbert Church, Ernest



Blair, Elmer Brown, Bobby Blackburn, Henry Price Viers, Paul Varney, Don Hatfield and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

**RACCOON:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in July, 1994. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, Noah Slone, Elmer Brown, Clifford Thacker, David Coleman, Jr., Randal Thornsby, Walter Coleman, Robert Worrix, David A. Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Ernest Blair, Michael Elswick and all other Elders invited.

**PETER CREEK:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1994. Elders to attend: Jeff Chapman, David A. Thacker, Don Hatfield, Elmer Brown, Mike Smith, Randal Thornsby, Robert Worrix, Ernest Blair, Harrison Smith, Jimmy Moore, Paris Blackburn and all orderly Primitive Baptist ministers.

**SULPHUR SPRING:** Meets the first Saturday in August, 1994. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, Michael Smith, Henry Price Viers, Billy Cook, J. C. Hager, Elmer Thacker, Paul Varney, Noah Slone, Don Stacy, Randal Thornsby, Ernest Blair, Everett Brizentine, Vance Jones.

**LITTLE HOPE:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in July, 1994. Elders to attend: Walter Sullivan, Jimmy L. Smith, Basil Hatfield, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Michael Smith, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, Noah Slone, Paul Varney, Michael Elswick, Kenny Chapman, Randal Thornsby, Onis Smith. All are welcome.

**GRAPEVINE:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in July, 1994. Elders to attend: Noah Slone, Paul Smith, Elmer Thacker, Jeff Chapman, Kit Ratliff, Elmer Brown, Robert Worrix, Elbert Church, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Varney, Ernest Blair, Monroe Justice, Clifford Thacker, Jimmy L. Smith, Henry Price Viers, Don Hatfield, Argle Kendrick, Dallas Adams, Greg Moore, Fonso Justice.

**SAMARIA:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in June, 1994. Elders to attend: Michael Smith, Paul Varney, Walter Sullivan, Don Hatfield, Jimmy L. Smith, Randal Thornsby, J. C. Hager, Ernest Blair, Elmer Thacker, Bobby Blackburn, Paris Blackburn, Kit Ratliff, Basil Hatfield, Robert Worrix. We invite all orderly Primitive Baptists to visit with us.

**LITTLE UNION:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in May, 1994. Elders to attend: Rufford Howell, J. C. Hager, Harrison Smith, Paris Blackburn, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsby, Jimmie L. Smith, Mike Smith, Kit Ratliff, Paul Varney, David Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, Robert Worrix, Buddy Blackburn. All Mates Creek preachers are welcome. We want to invite Henry Price Viers, Roger Rose, Franklin Viers.

**JOHNS CREEK:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in July, 1994. Elders to attend: Fonso Justice, Jeff Chapman, Noah Slone,



Jimmy Moore, Robert Worrix, Mike Smith, Elmer Brown, Paul Varney, Harrison Smith, Jimmie L. Smith, Larry Thornsberry, Monroe Justice, Ernest Blair, Elbert Church, J. C. Hager, Kit Ratliff, Paris Blackburn.

**CALVARY:** Meets Friday before the first Saturday in June, 1994. Elders to attend: David Coleman, Jr., Kit Ratliff, Jeff Chapman, Michael Smith, Glenn Vipperman, Jimmie L. Smith, Ernest Blair, Elmer Brown, Randal Thornsberry, Don Hatfield, Elmer Thacker, Noah Slone, Elbert Church, Paul Varney, Monroe Justice, Michael Elswick, Harrison Smith, Quincey Stanley, Robert Worrix. All others are invited.

**DRY FORK:** Meets Friday before the second Saturday in May, 1994. Elders to attend: Lawrence Jackson, Price Viers, Elmer Thacker, Jerold Yates, Jimmie L. Smith, Ernest Blair, Don Stacy, Paul Varney, Ostil Smith, Michael Smith, Randal Thornsberry, Franklin Viers, Garnell Gilbert, Bobby Arrington, Robert Worrix, Elmer Brown, Jimmy Moore. \*Memorial services are held at our meeting time in July (Sunday) for Martha Street family on Baldwin Mt.

**FRIENDSHIP:** Meets the fourth Saturday in August, 1994. Elders to attend: Randal Thornsberry, Don Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Robert Worrix, Basil Hatfield, Michael Elswick, Walter Sullivan, J. C. Hager, Onis Smith, Paris Blackburn, Noah Slone, Michael Smith, Jimmie L. Smith, Ernest Blair, R. T. Thacker, Elbert Church, Elmer Brown, Owen Blanton. All others are welcome.

**COLUMBUS:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in April, 1994. Elders to attend: Robert Worrix, David Coleman, Jr., Paul Dean Justice, Elmer Thacker, Clifford Thacker, Noah Slone, Johnny Jacobs, David Jacobs, David Thacker, J. C. Hager, Don Hatfield, Ernest Blair, Woodruff Dulin, Onis Smith, Bobby Arrington, Ivel Farmer, and all other Mates Creek Church ministers.

**DEERFIELD:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 1994. Elders to attend: Homer Blackburn, Billy Cook, Ernest Blair, David A. Thacker, Rufford Howell, Quincey Stanley, Elmer Brown, Jimmy Moore, Greg Moore, Woodruff Dulin, Noah Slone, Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn, Ostil Smith, Onis Smith, Bethel Church is welcome.

**PLEASANT HILL:** Meets Friday before the third Saturday in April, 1994. Elders to attend: J. C. Hager, Johnny Jacobs, David Jacobs, Ivel Farmer, Jim Duty, Estil Owens, Hester Gilliam, David A. Thacker, Rufford Howell, Leonard Barton, Arnold Thompson, Noah Slone, Estil Hackney, Elmer Goff. All other orderly Primitive Baptist elders are welcome.

**NEW HOPE:** Meets Friday before the fourth Saturday in May, 1994. Elders to attend: Bobby Blackburn, Don Hatfield, Kit Ratliff, Noah Slone, Frank Ball, Basil Hatfield, David A. Thacker, Elmer Thacker, Randal Thornsberry, Quincey Stanley, Michael Smith, Michael Elswick,



Walter Sullivan, Kenny Chapman, Elbert Church, Onis Smith, and all Elders of the Mates Creek Association invited.

Circular Letter called for, read, received and to be printed in the minutes and that Elder Randal Thornsby prepare the next one.

Agreed that we have 2,050 minutes printed and annex our Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and Articles of Faith and the Obituaries of the following:

Brothers: Elder Jesse Tucker, Roger Ratliff, Young Kennedy, Jr., Holbert Wolford, Marion Ratliff, Erie Thacker, Epp Thacker, Leonard M. Slone, Bradley Worrix, Clyde Coleman, Henry Ball, Authur Wolford, Don E. Collins, George L. Coleman, and George Rose.

Sisters: Emma Goff Bartley, Truley Johnson, Mary Blackburn, Zettie Thornsby, Lottie Taylor Belcher, Loretta Ritter, Myrtle Stiltner, Oma Akers, Stella Wolford, and Mae Kennedy.

Agreed that the Brother Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes and that all funds left after paying for the minutes and other expenses of the Association be left in his care until the next Association.

The Finances were dispensed as follows:

Balance left on hand from last year .....	\$4,404.08
Amount received from the churches 9-4-93 .....	1,645.00
Amount for Obituaries .....	255.00
Donations .....	105.00
Total Cash on Hand .....	<u>\$6,409.08</u>

Cash Paid Out:

Paid for 1992 Minutes .....	1,919.68
Gave Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Asst. Moderator .....	50.00
Gave Clerk .....	50.00
Gave Asst. Clerk .....	50.00
Printing Cards .....	40.00
Printing for Permanent Book .....	20.91

Total Cash Paid Out .....

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Balance Left on Hand .....

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Agreed that our next Association be held with the Big Creek Church of Canada, Pike County, Kentucky, to begin at 10:00 o'clock Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1994. Elder Homer Blackburn was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. Elder Ernest Blair to be his alternate. Minutes read, approved, closed by prayer by Elder



David A. Thacker, then adjourned until the time of our next Association.

Signed by Robert Worrix, Moderator  
Michael Smith, Assistant Moderator  
Randal Thornsby, Clerk  
Leslie Hatfield, Assistant Clerk

#### SUNDAY MORNING — September 5, 1993

INTRODUCTION — Song and prayer by Elder William Littleton.

#1 Garnell Gilbert: Text - Eph. 2:8-9 "For By Grace Are Ye Saved."

#2 Robert Mayhorn: Text - Isaiah 53 "Who hath believed our report?  
And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

#3 Franklin Viers: Text - Matthew 6:33 "Seek ye first the kingdom  
of God and His righteousness."

#4 Robert Worrix: No special text: Wonderfully blessed to close out  
our Association with much joy and peace.

#5 Roger Rose: Dismissed

#### CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers of the Mates Creek Association,

Since I have been chosen to write the circular letter, I hope that the Lord will direct my poor mind to write something that will be a comfort to God's little children.

Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all that sold and bought in the temple. He overthrew the tables of money changers and the seats of those that sold doves. He said unto them, "It is written, my house shall be called the house of prayer but ye have made it a den of thieves." I understand he was talking to his children, telling them that they had made his house a den of thieves by the sins they had committed.

We do many things that the Lord has told us not to do but God is a merciful God and a forgiving God. It matters what you believe. You could believe a lie and be damned.

I believe that we are saved by grace and grace alone. We are saved by Grace, through Faith, and that not of ourself, less any man should boast. It is a gift of God. It was needful for me to write unto you your common salutation and exhurt you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. There were certain men that crept in unaware who, were before of old, ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.



So, brethren, let your light so shine so others may see our good works and glorify our Father which art in Heaven.

May God bless and keep you, is my prayer.

Written by your brother in hope of eternal life,  
Elder Clifford Thacker

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LOUISA: Ireland Adkins, Jack Coleman, Joseph Slone, Bradley Worrix, Jr. Alternate: Keen (Bud) Slone

OLD POND: Clifford Hunt, Mike Scott, Roger Scott, Don Hatfield. Alternate: Leslie Hatfield

BIG CREEK: R. T. Thacker, David May, Michael Elswick, Luther Smith. Alternate: Orville Deskins

RACCOON: Clifton Preece, Joe Slone, Jenis Coleman, Ed Chapman.

PETER CREEK: Leo Coleman, Stirl Smith, Daris Kinder, Wade Ratliff

SULPHUR SPRING: Paul Smith, Arthur May, Luther Blackburn, Ron Moore. Alternate: Homer Blackburn

LITTLE HOPE: Walter May, J. B. Ball, Luther Ball, Frank J. Ball. Alternate: Chris Smith

GRAPEVINE: Bradley Coleman, Donald Justice, John Smith, Noah Slone. Alternate: Gary Slone

SAMARIA: Dennis Dotson, Larry Scott, Opa Hatfield, Leslie Hatfield. Alternate: Ronald Crawford

LITTLE UNION: Ricky Blair, Douglas Lester, Ernest Blair, Paul Varney.

JOHNS CREEK: Edd Hunt, Elcanie Smith, Harrison Smith, Harold Abbott.

CALVARY: Glenn Wallace Vipperman, Jeff Chapman, Lestle Varney, Andrew Hunt. Alternate: Glenn Vipperman

DRY FORK: Estil Van Dyke, Carl Van Dyke, Howell Arms, Lundy Childers. Alternate: Elmer Brown

FRIENDSHIP: Andy Stamper, Martin Childers, Troy Wheeler, Elmer Thacker. Alternate: David May

COLUMBUS: Paris Blackburn, Lonnie Worrix, Lundy Coleman, Bobby Kennedy. Alternate: Gary Justice

DEERFIELD: Malloy Deel, Grafton Stanley, John Holyfield, Charles Blackburn. Alternate: Harold Blackburn

PLEASANT HILL: Greg Moore, Jim Moore, Eugene Deel.

NEW HOPE: Elbert Church, Clarence Dotson, Kenneth Chapman, William Dotson. Alternate: Walter Sullivan



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<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>COMMUNION</b>
Louisa	Robert Worrix	August 2nd Saturday
Old Pond	Don Hatfield	June 2nd Saturday
Big Creek	Elmer Thacker	August 3rd Saturday
Raccoon	Paul Dean Justice	July 4th Saturday
Sulphur Spring	Elmer Brown	August 1st Saturday
Peter Creek	Jimmy L. Smith	June 4th Saturday
Little Hope	William Bobby Blackburn	July 1st Saturday
Grapevine	Kit Ratliff	July 3rd Saturday
Samaria	Michael Smith	June 3rd Saturday
Johns Creek	Paul Varney	July 2nd Saturday
Little Union	Paul Varney	May 1st Saturday
Calvary	Kit Ratliff	June 1st Saturday
Dry Fork	Elmer Brown	May 2nd Saturday
Friendship	Elmer Thacker	August 4th Saturday
Deerfield	J. C. Hager & John Jacobs	June 4th Saturday
Columbus	Lundy Coleman	April 4th Saturday
Pleasant Hill	Woodruff Dulin	April 3rd Saturday
New Hope	Elbert Church	May 4th Saturday

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## OBITUARIES

### JESSE TUCKER

It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write the obituary of my loving Papaw.

Jesse Tucker was born March 24, 1924, in Pike County, Kentucky. Jesus called Papaw home on October 30, 1993 at his residence, making his stay on earth 68 years, 7 months, and 6 days. Papaw was the son of the late Elder Roy Tucker and the late Dellie (Thacker) Tucker. Papaw was preceded in death by his daughter, Annette Tucker, a sister, Elvie Tucker, and one brother, Delbert Tucker.



**Jesse Tucker**

He was married February 6, 1953, to Gladys Coleman. To this union was born one son, Richard Tucker, of Raccoon, Ky.

Papaw leaves behind his wife, Gladys Tucker, his son, Richard



Tucker, his daughter-in-law, Elouise Tucker, and two grandchildren, Gladys Renea Tucker and James Clinton Tucker, both of Raccoon, Ky. Papaw also leaves six sisters: Essie Coleman of Red Creek, Bessie Elkins of Justiceville, Marcella Casebolt of Red Creek, Betty Sue Anderson of Lorain, Ohio, Linda Slone of Lorain, Ohio, and Rosetta Bentley of Red Creek; one brother, Frank Tucker, of Indiana.

Papaw was baptized into the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on January 13, 1968. He was ordained as a deacon June 9, 1968. He was ordained as a minister of the old church October 11, 1969. Papaw loved the old church and believed strongly in the Primitive Baptist faith.

Papaw was a coal miner and a retired plumber from the Pike County Board of Education.

Papaw is missed by all that knew him. I know that he is asleep in Jesus' arms. Papaw, we love you and miss you, but our loss is heaven's gain. By the grace of God, we will meet again.

Written by,  
his grand-daughter,  
Renea Tucker

### ROGER RATLIFF



Saturday, October 3, 1992, Roger Ratliff, 36 years old, died at his home suddenly.

Born July 17, 1956, in Pike County, Ky., he was the son of George W. Ratliff and Bobbie Jean Ball Ratliff.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Velma Mae Ratliff and Bob and Luna Stanley Ball.

Survivors, in addition to his parents, his wife, Carolyn Ann Casey Ratliff, son Nicholas Dale Ratliff, and Jessica Paige Ratliff, both of the home. Rod was also survived by his four sisters: Kaye, Ransom; Luna, Ransom; Delores Yates (Pig) of Huddy, and Rita Justice, Ransom; three nephews: Everett (Al), Jason, Jordan (Prude), and a host of aunts and uncles and cousins.

The funeral was held Wednesday, October 7, 1992, at the Samaria Primitive Church at Ransom with the Elders Robert Worrix, Earnest Blair, and Mike Smith. He was laid to rest at Dotson Cemetery at Ransom.



For all who knew Rod, knew that he had a heart and a smile for them, and knew he was always there, when asked day or night.

Our son and brother is missed each and every minute, hour, day and second. Rod can never be replaced, but in our hearts and minds, we can see him in our thoughts and dreams daily. We also pray that God will watch over us and him until the day comes for him to raise up and we are called home to be in Heaven, to be back together as a family again.

The family

### **YOUNG KENNEDY, JR.**

LOGAN, W. Va. — Young Kennedy Jr., 78, of Beech Creek, died Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1993, in Logan General Hospital.

Born Oct. 5, 1914, in Matewan, he was preceded in death by his parents, Young and Sally Mitchell Kennedy Sr.

He was retired from Island Creek Coal Company.

Survivors: wife, Mae Simpkins Kennedy of Beech Creek; sons, Rayburn Kennedy of Portsmouth, Va., Billy Kennedy of Suffolk, Va., Larry Kennedy of Manchester, Va., Dave Kennedy of Rector, Ark., and Joe and John Kennedy of Lancaster, Ohio; daughters, Sally Mobley of Lancaster and Linda Wolford of Beech Creek; brother, Ray Kennedy of Beech Creek; sisters, Chloe Blankenship of Beech Creek, Lou Blankenship of Meador, and Mildred Dean, Martha Jane Pierce and Dixie Erbin of Huntington, W. Va.; 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.



**Young Kennedy, Jr. and  
Mae Janice Kennedy**

Funeral: Chambers Funeral Home, Matewan, W. Va., Friday, Feb. 19, 1993, 2 p.m.

Burial: Kennedy Cemetery, Beech Creek.

Visitation: Tonight, 6-9 p.m., at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Black Lung Association.



## **MAE JANICE KENNEDY**

Mae Janice Kennedy, 74, of Beech Creek died at 12:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, 1993, in Williamson Memorial Hospital.

Born April 18, 1919, at O'Keefe, she was preceded in death by her parents, Ira and Mary Hall Simpkins; brothers, Walter, Guy, Dave and Joseph Simpkins; sisters, Lottie, Betty and Maude Simpkins; and her husband, Young Kennedy Jr.

A housewife, she was of Primitive Baptist faith.

Survivors: sons, John Kennedy, Columbus, Ohio; David Kennedy, Marmaduke, Ark.; Billy Kennedy, Suffolk, Va.; Larry Kennedy, Manchester, Mich.; Bobby Kennedy, Lancaster, Ohio, and Rayburn Kennedy, Portsmouth, Va.; daughters, Sally Mobley, Portsmouth, Va., and Linda Wolford, Beech Creek, W. Va.; brothers, Mack Simpkins and Benton Simpkins, both of Beech Creek, and John Simpkins, Columbia, S.C.; sisters, Martha Simpkins, Beech Creek, and Audrey Murphy, Meador, W. Va.; 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17, 1993, in the Chambers Funeral Home Chapel, Matewan, W.Va., with Elders Lundy Coleman, Paris Blackburn and Bob Warrix officiating.

Interment: Kennedy Cemetery, Right Fork, Beech Creek.

Grandsons will serve as pallbearers.

Visitation: 6-9 p.m. tonight at the funeral home with prayer services at 7 p.m.

## **BROTHER HOLBERT WOLFORD AND SISTER STELLA WOLFORD**

Precious Father, Loving Mother, fly across the lonely years, and old home scenes of my childhood, in fond memories appear.

With regret that we haven't written sooner, and with much sadness, we will try to write the obituary of our precious dad and mother, Holbert and Stella Wolford.

Our dad, Holbert, was a good man who enjoyed life. When church brothers and sisters would come home for dinner and singing few songs, Dad would enjoy being there. Dad was born in Buchanan County, Virginia, August 17th, 1898. He was the son of Levi and Elizabeth Wolford. Dad passed away May 10th, 1956. Home was so lonely without him.

Our mom, Stella, was a beautiful flower. We were so blessed to have a mother like her. To all of us (we have heard quoted) she was one of God's Saints. We never heard her speak unkind of anyone. She loved to go to church. She was a lady you loved to be around.

Mom was born November 27th, 1900. She passed away January 23rd, 1976. At the time of her passing, she had 50 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.



Dad and Mom raised 14 children. Our parents also believed the Old Primitive Baptist way.

Dad and Mom were preceded in death by a daughter, Little Rosetta; a twin son, Holbert, Jr. Also after Dad and Mom passed, there was more family joined them: daughters, Sarah Peyton, Pearly Farmer, Hazel Dotson, Emogene Tackett, and our dear brother, Authur Wolford.

Survivors are sons, Eugene Wolford, Lafollet, Tenn.; Frank Wolford, Fenton, Mich.; Joseph of Farmington, Mich.; Paul Wolford, Linden, Mich.; daughters, Dixie Ball, Fenton, Mich.; Betty Chavis, Farmington, Mich., and Barbara Handcock of Newark, Ohio.

One thing we can all say, Precious memories do flood our soul. Our hope is one day to all be reunited, where never again will that circle be broken. No pain, no sickness, no heavy hearts, no lonely graveyards.

Just a beautiful city where God lives. We feel our loss here is Heaven's gain. So, Brothers and Sisters, sleep in sweet peace till Jesus comes. Our hope in Christ we will all awake in that Great City.

Written by Frank, Drema Wolford

### MARION RATLIFF

With a deep and pain-filled heart, I will, with the help of God, set down on paper, the obituary of our loving father, Marion Ratliff.

Marion Ratliff, of Vansant, Virginia, was born March 8, 1918, and left this world at 8:12 P.M. February 5, 1993. After a long illness, he passed away at the University of Virginia Medical Center. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Coleman Branham Ratliff; parents: John and Orpha Baldwin Ratliff; sons: James Ezra and Marion Ratliff Jr.; brothers: Dewey, Tom, Sherman, Munsey and Shade Ratliff; sister: Bessie Ratliff Yates.

Survived by: sisters: Edith Ratliff Breeding and Rachel Ratliff Ramey; sons, John Ratliff and Walter Branham; daughters: Christine Ratliff Picard, and Marie Branham Wilson; grandson, William Branham; granddaughters: Sandra Adkins, Teresa Greenaway, Donna Justice, Rebecca Murphy, Deborah Ratliff, Martha Jackson, and Johnnie Ratliff; two great-grandsons and one great-granddaughter.

Marion Ratliff was a man in life who gave much, much more than he received. He raised three families; his own four children, two more of his wife's by a previous marriage, and three by his deceased brother. Can a man leave any better legacy for his many children to cherish than this great love?

Dad, you always said, "Walt, you know what's best." Well, this time, Dad, God told us what was best for you, and I thank Him so much that He stopped your suffering. "Thank you, Lord, for carrying Dad's soul away from the misery he was suffering.



Dad, you will be missed. We love you and will spend many hours grieving for you. We'll always remember the good times, but most of all, the way your blue eyes sparkled when you smiled. Be happy with God and rest. We will join you, someday, by the Grace of God.

### ERIE THACKER

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Erie Thacker. God called him home on Sunday morning, May 30th, 1993. He was born in Pike County May 5th, 1912, the son of Jasper and Emalie Thacker, thus making his stay on earth slightly over 81 years.

The Lord blessed me to be married to him for 54 years. He was a member of the Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He enjoyed church very much and to talk of his love for Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Pricilla Pinion Thacker; four sons, Chester Thacker, Elster Thacker, Elmer Thacker and Curtis Dale Thacker. He is survived also by three daughters, Catherine Slone, Bernie Coleman and Emolene Coleman.

He has only one surviving sister, Nancy Harmon. He is also survived by 20 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

It is with much sadness that we miss him. We trust that by the grace of God we'll all meet him again in heaven where with joyful hearts we'll rejoice with him there.

Written by his wife,  
Pricilla Thacker



### EPP THACKER

It is with much sadness and sorrow we will try to write the obituary of our dear dad, Epp Thacker, who passed away on August 3, 1993, making his stay on this earth 80 years and 4 months. He was born in Pike County April 12, 1913, to the late Isaac and Darcus (Thacker) Thacker. He was a



retired brick mason and a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church of Rocky Road.

He was married to the late Darcus (Coleman) Thacker. Mom passed away November 27, 1989. They were married 57 wonderful years. They were blessed with six children, four boys and two girls. Clinard Thacker preceded them in death. Glen Thacker, James Thacker, Larry G. Thacker and Thelma Thacker, Velma Blackburn. 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; one brother, Ezra Thacker and two sisters, Peggy Thacker and Mollie Adams. Dad will be missed by all that knew him and loved him. He may be gone out of sight but he will always live in our hearts. So Dad, rest in peace now as we say "by" for now. Our hope is to live with you and Mom in Heaven some sweet day. We all love you and we will miss your help and the hands that held us and worked so hard for us.

Dad made his home with the church September 9, 1986.

Funeral services were conducted August 5, 1993, at the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church on Rocky Road. Officiating were David Coleman Jr., Robert Worrix, Lundy Coleman, and Walter Coleman. He was buried at the Coleman Cemetery head of Lower Pompy, Millard, Ky.

In loving memory,  
Children - Glen, Thelma, James, Velma, and Larry

### LEONARD MITCHELL SLONE

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved son, Leonard Mitchell Slone. He was born February 15, 1927, making his stay on earth 65 years and 9 months.

He was the foster son of Arvel and Ora Justice of Grapevine, Ky. Arvel preceded him in death in 1979. He leaves his mom, his wife, Nancy Slone, two sons, two daughters, two stepsons, one step-daughter, nine grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren. One daughter preceded him in death.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving two terms, and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

Leonard made his home in Columbus, Ohio, but he loved his homeplace. He was always making plans to come back home as soon as his wife, Nancy, could retire. He joined the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church and later moved his membership to Grapevine Church. He was a strong believer in the grace of God.





Leonard always called me every Saturday and visited me often. I miss him so much. He loved his family especially all his grandchildren and they loved him dearly in return. He had a way of making each one feel special and they were to him. His place is vacant in our home, but we know God loved him best.

Written by his loving mom, Ora Justice

### **BRADLEY WORRIX**

Bradley Worrix, 96, of Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville, died at 3:07 P.M. Tuesday, March 16, 1993, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville.

He was born in Pike County December 28, 1896, a son of the late William Calvin and Elizabeth Adkins Worrix.

He was a coal miner and automobile mechanic and a deacon and clerk in the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church since September 1950.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Oney Thacker Worrix 6-8-86. She was the daughter of the late Elder W. H. (Hibbard) and Maggie Blackburn Thacker of Canada, Ky. They were married October 21, 1924, and to this union were born three children: Elder Robert B. Worrix, Burning Fork Rd., Pikeville; Bradley Worrix, Jr., Allen, Ky., and their daughter, Jeanetti Ruth Worrix Coleman who preceded him in death October 1983. They also had 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

We feel he was blessed with the one thing he desired of the Lord, and that he sought after: That he may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of his life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple. Daily he would beg for mercy of which he received graciously of the Lord. He'll rest awhile and then wake up with the redeemed family to sleep no more and meet the Lord in the air.

Written by Family



### **CLYDE COLEMAN**

By the request of the family, I will try to write the obituary of my brother in the flesh, also my brother in Christ, Clyde Coleman. Clyde Coleman, born September 5, 1911 in Pikeville, Kentucky, and departed this life on March 16, 1988 in Columbus, Ohio.

He was the son of the late David Coleman and Sarah Coleman. Clyde married Maggie Dales Coleman November 14, 1939 and to this union was born six children. His wife and two children preceded him in death.





**Clyde Coleman**

He is survived by three sons, Foster Coleman, Jimmy Coleman, and Billy Coleman, and one daughter, Barbara, all of Columbus, Ohio.

He also leaves seven brothers, Carl Coleman of Louisa, Ky.; David Coleman Jr. of Pikeville, Ky.; Lundy Coleman, Paul Coleman, Perry Coleman, Danville Coleman, and Steve Coleman, all of Columbus, Ohio, and three sisters, Avonelle Wardrup and Lucy Pearl Justice of Florida, and Lois Ann Damron of Pikeville, Kentucky. He leaves nine grandchildren and a host of friends.

Clyde is missed by his children and everyone that knew him. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by request of the Family,  
Elder Lundy Coleman

### **HENRY F. BALL, SR.**

Henry F. Ball, Sr., 68, of Wood Haven, Mich., formerly of Pike County, Ky., died Monday, November 30, 1992, at his home. He was born January 11, 1924, in Pike County, Ky. He was the son of Dora Scott Ball and the late Fred Ball. He also was preceded in death by two sisters, Fern Akers and Ruby Ball.

His survivors are daughters, Ruth Sanker of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and Susan Souva of Livonia, Mich., son Terry Ball of Romulus, Mich., Henry Ball Jr. of Redford, Mich., and Joseph Ball of Farmington Hills, Mich.;

sister, Geraldine Woodruff of Logan, W. Va., his precious mother, Dora Scott Ball of Logan, W. Va.; 10 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many friends.

He was a retired supervisor, a United States Army veteran of World War II and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He also was a member of the Deerfield Primitive Baptist Church. We feel that he





loved the Lord and his church with all of his heart and was faithful until his death.

Dear Dad, it has been almost a year since you left us, but it seems like only yesterday. There is an ache in our hearts and the only comfort we have is knowing that you are with God and He is taking care of you.

*And soon on yonder banks above  
Shall every blossom here  
Appear a full ripe flower of love  
Like him transplanted there.*

We love you and miss you.

Terry and Janet, Ruth and John, Sue  
Hank and Tammy, Joe and Karen  
Mother and Sister

### **AUTHUR (BUDDO) WOLFORD**

*(The Lord Is My Shepherd)*

Authur was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on May 10th, 1926. The Shepherd called him home on May 28th, 1993, making his stay here on earth 67 years and 18 days.

Authur is preceded in death by a twin brother, Hobert, Jr.; a little sister, Rosetta; his dad Hobert and mother Stella (Blackburn) Wolford; sister, Sarah Peyton, Pearly Farmer, Hazel Dotson, Emogene Tackett. Authur was one of 14 children.

He is survived by four brothers, Eugene of Lafollet, Tenn.; Frank of Fenton, Mich.; Joseph of Farmington, Mich.; Paul of Linden, Mich.; three sisters, Dixie Ball of Fenton, Betty Chavis of Farmington, Mich.; Barbara Hancock of Newark, Ohio.

Authur married Clara (Totsie) Marcum. To this union were six children, James, Carl, and David, all of Fenton, Mich.; three daughters, Janice Lopp, Patricia Wolford, Donna Blackburn, all of Fenton; also 20 grandchildren.

Brother Authur was a believer in the old Primitive Baptist. He enjoyed the old-time singing and preaching. It was always a joy to have him in God's House with us. We in no way can ever forget him. Every day he's in our thoughts. At family gatherings, we miss him so.





His last days were spent with family and friends, singing and prayers. When he was facing the Shadow of Death, he was not afraid. He feared no evil. And when that sad morning came, he fell asleep in the arms of God. And by His amazing grace, we believe one day we will all meet again in that heavenly city (far away) where there will be no sickness and pain. We will all be in the image of Jesus and be satisfied and free.

So Farewell, Dear Brother, till we all meet again, is our hope in Jesus. The Lord picked a beautiful flower to put in that great bouquet of His. We feel so sure our parting is surely Heaven's gain.

Written by Frank, Drema Wolford

### DON E. COLLINS

In loving memories I will try to write the obituary of my darling son. Don E. Collins passed away April 1, 1993. He was sick for so long, and God took him home, that he won't have to suffer any more.

Don asked to join the Primitive Baptist Church, but was never able to be baptized. I feel that he was baptized by God's holy spirit, and has a better home in heaven, where all will be at peace, joy and happiness forever with Christ our Saviour.

I missed Don so very much and all his family missed him and loves him so much. He is survived by his mother, one brother and four sisters. His dad preceded him in death. Don was 65 years old at his death.

Don is gone from this life, but not forgotten. I am his mother with a sad and broken heart, but God takes care of it all. Don will rest until Jesus comes, then when our Saviour calls, Don will get up with the likeness of Jesus, for we shall see him as he is, be like him and be satisfied. I feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his mother,  
Pheobe Ann Collins Lowe

*And when I close my eyes in death and creature helps all flee  
Then, O, my dear Redeemer God, I pray remember me.*

*There shall I bathe my weary soul in seas of heavenly rest,  
And not a wave of trouble roll across my peaceful breast.*





## GEORGE L. COLEMAN



**George L. Coleman**

the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by four sons, Utah and Landon, both of McArthur, Troy of Pikeville, KY, Dwight of Bowling Green, KY; two daughters, Creda Anderson of Norcross, GA and Catherine Addington of Virgie, KY; one sister, Isabelle Thacker of McArthur; one brother, Henry of McArthur; twelve grandchildren, and several great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Victoria Coleman, and four brothers, Ulysses, Jessie, Dave, and Lorie, and two sisters, Hettie Worrix and Evelyn Hall.

He will be missed by all who knew him, his family and as a Deacon in the Columbus Primitive Baptist Church. He loved to hear singing and Grace doctrine preaching. We have a hope by God's Grace that we will meet again where we will sing around the throne with Jesus forever.

Written by his family and  
Elder Paris Blackburn

## GEORGE H. ROSE



This obituary is written with a loving heart in memory of my grandfather known to me and many others as "Big Daddy." He was a kind, gentle, and loving man to all who knew him. He will be missed greatly by his wife and children who loved him dearly. He was a member of the Samaria Primitive Baptist Church for many years. He was born March 3, 1910 and passed away August 2, 1993. He was 82 years old.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. He leaves



behind his wife, Ozie Rose; children, Dolly Powers, Dorothy Hager, Johnny Rose, Loretta Cody, Arville Rose, Roger Rose, and Elizabeth Slush, 17 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Estmund Rose, and a sister, Buelah Ramey.

He will live forever in our hearts as we loved him dearly.

Written by granddaughter, Linda Roe

### **GEORGE HUGH ROSE**

With a sorry but a hopeful heart, I write about the loss of a loved one but with a hope of meeting again someday.

On August 2, 1993, we lost this great man to the Almighty, who he looked to most of his life.

Brother George, known as "Big Daddy" to most everyone, was a faithful Deacon in the old Primitive Baptist Church with his membership being at Blackberry Church in Kentucky.

He worked in the mines and when he went to live in Maryland, he did carpenter work until his retirement.

He lived in Middletown, Maryland, for the last 30 years. His stay with us was 83 years and four months.

He was the son of John Henry and Lydie French Rose. In 1931 he met his wife of 62 years, Ozie Dixie Deel, the daughter of John and Sarah Deel of Clinchco, Va.

To this union was born seven children being Dolly Powers of Md.; Dorothy Hager of Ky.; Johnny Rose of WV; Loretta Cody of Md.; Arville Rose of Md.; Roger Rose of Md., and Elizabeth Sluss of Md., all living; also one brother, Esmon Rose of Frederick, Md., and one sister, Buelah Ramey of Ky.

He left behind 17 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Brother George loved to talk about "faith" and "hope". So, rest on, my friend and we with our "hope" to meet again someday.

Your Friend  
Your Son-in-law  
Bob Cody

Funeral services preached at Middletown, Md., by Elders Bill Stevens, Joel Turner and Billy Cook.

### **EMMA GOFF COLLINS BARTLEY**

Emma Goff Collins Bartley was born December 16, 1900, on Upper Coon Creek, Raccoon, Kentucky. She died at 8:10 p.m. Friday, December 13, 1991 at the Methodist Hospital of Kentucky in Pikeville.



She was born the daughter of the late W. M. (Billie) and Isabelle Ball Goff.

She was reared on the homeplace of the late W. M. (Billie) Goff just a few yards below the present Raccoon Primitive Baptist Church house. Her earliest recollections were coming to the church house prior to the regular meeting date - sweeping, cleaning, filling the water pitcher, making a fire, carrying in coal in the winter time. This task was enjoyed, and participated with parents and family. The church time was looked forward with pleasure. Our parents enjoyed the visits from the church people, and strived very hard to make them welcome in our home. She joined the church May 28, 1946.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, George D. (Dock) Goff, Henry Goff, and Virgil Goff; three sisters, Alta Goff Dotson Taylor, Ella Goff Coleman and Bessie Goff Justice Blackburn Ratliff.

Three of the children made teachers, five operated retail stores. Emma was a teacher at the time of the "Influenza" Epidemic, and schools were finally closed on account of the epidemic.

Emma took care of her first husband, Lundy Collins and his parents, G. M. (Mont) Collins and Hester Maynard Collins to the best of her ability.

She was appointed Post Master at Raccoon, Kentucky, January 1, 1935, and resigned with an honorable discharge after 30 years of service. She and husband Lundy Collins operated a General Merchandise Community Store in combination with the post office. Lundy died October 16, 1969. Her aim in life was the hope to be a good neighbor, to be of help when and where she could.

In the closing out of her business she firmly insisted, no pressure be put on her creditors for payment.

Only hoping she may have been of service to someone in time of need, a policy she strove to pursue through the remainder of life.

She was married to Jim Bartley of Haysi, Virginia, April 15, 1972.

Emma is survived by five nephews, Herman Goff and Roy Goff of Pikeville; James (W. M.) Goff of Iaeger, W. Va.; Fonso Dotson of Logan, W. Va., and Ralph Blackburn of Robinson Creek; eight nieces, Racine Goff Damron of Robinson Creek; Florrie Coleman Robinson of Virginia Beach, Va.; Lorraine Hoskins of Maryland; Erma Goff Hall and Christine Faust of Kingsport, Tennessee, Ola McPeek and Arleen Chaney of Pikeville, and Alma Thompson of Florida.

Emma will be sadly missed by her many friends and family.

### **TRULY FARLEY JOHNSON**

With tears and a sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother, Truly Farley Johnson. She was born August 20, 1902,





**Truly Farley Johnson**

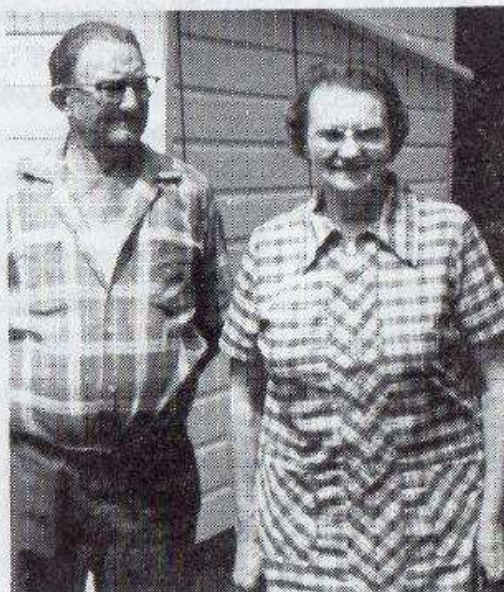
Mom asked for a home in the Primitive Baptist Church and was baptized in 1972 with her husband Joe. They put their membership at Old Pond Church at Belfry, Ky. Mom suffered a long time, but she took it all with patience. She said that she knew she had a better home on the other side. She left a good testimony and precious memories.

Written by her daughter, Magalene Scott

## **MARY ELIZABETH MURPHY BLACKBURN**

Mary Elizabeth Murphy Blackburn, 84, of Canada, Ky., died Tuesday night, November 17, 1992 in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born November 29, 1908 in Pike County, Ky. She was the daughter of the late Cleve and Columbia Hackney Murphy. She was also preceded in death by her husband, T. Blackburn, three sisters, Maudie and Annabelle Murphy, and Rosetta Viperman, and two brothers, Woody and Joe Murphy, and one great-grandchild. Mary was retired from the Appalachian Regional Hospital.



**Mary Blackburn**

Survivors include one son, Douglas F. Blackburn of Canada, Ky., and one daughter, Dolores May of Sidney, Ky.; one brother, Ed Murphy of Belfry, Ky., and four sisters, Ilene Bevins of Logan, W. Va., Ida Varney of Hardy, Ky.; Evelyn Weddington of Anthony, Fla., and Bessie Layne of Belfry, Ky.; three grandchildren, Charles Douglas May, Deb-



bie Gannon and Marsha Blackburn Gregory and seven great-grandchildren.

### **ZETTIE THORNSBURY**

The mighty angel of death came into our midst on February 22, 1993, and took away our beloved wife and mother, Zettie Thornsbery. She was the daughter of Elder W. H. (Hibbard) and Maggie Thacker. She was born August 7, 1917, and was married to John Thornsbery August 2, 1936. To this union were born nine children, four sons and five daughters: Herbert Hillard, John Jr. and Michael Thornsbery, Doris Thacker, Lois Justice, Patricia Hall, Shirley Rutherford, and Judith Hall.



She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, nine children, twenty-one grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, a brother, Raymond Thacker, and two sisters, Rebecca Stanley and Verda Smith, as well as a host of friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist Church for 53 years.

Her family has lost a loving wife and mother, one who was always ready to come to their aid in time of need. Mother had a "giving" heart, and her family was always overwhelmed by her generosity at Christmas, as well as other times.

She was laid to rest in the family cemetery to await the final call, to be fashioned like the One she dearly loved and served each day of her life. We mourn her loss daily, but we believe we will meet her again, and our loss is Heaven's gain.

We shall always remember her favorite songs and examples of love and Christian living. She felt that when God called, it was your time and nothing could prevent His will from being done. She lived this belief through her final days. Our memories of her are as beautiful as the roses she loved.

Written by the family

### **LOTTIE TAYLOR BELCHER**

It is in loving precious memories and with much sadness and an aching heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious mother, Lottie Taylor Belcher. Mother was born January 7, 1898, and passed



away April 14, 1993, making her stay here on earth 95 years and 3 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of the late James A. and Mary Jane Fuller Taylor. She was married to Will (Bird) Belcher who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one son and five brothers and four sisters.

Brothers were Arthur, John, Joe, Jim, Clork Taylor; sisters were Sarah Estep, Lucy Slone, Caroline Charles, Tillie Charles. She was a homemaker and a member of the Sulphur Spring Church for about 60 or 65 years. She was also preceded in death by five grandchildren. She is survived by four sons: Hibbert Belcher of Defiance, Ohio; and Edgar Blecher and Ireland Belcher and Quincy Belcher, all of Big Rock, Va.; 14 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.



**Lottie Taylor Belcher**

She was a faithful member until she got disabled to cross the mountain. She would walk across Big Rock Mountain when the snow was 10 or 12 inches deep to go to her church. I went and saw her about four or five days before she passed away. She said she was waiting on the Lord to come and get her and take her home. She was tired and wanted to go. Mother is not dead. She is only sleeping, just patiently waiting for Jesus to come back and take her home to be with the Lord where there will be no pain to bear, just joy and peace and love forevermore.

Lottie was called to add a spot for beauty; a needed flower in the Heavenly Garden, a blossom that will grow in greater beauty there. By the grace of God we live in hope that we will meet again in that glorious world where all God's children will live and never die again. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Do not stand by the grave and cry. I am not there. I did not die, only resting in a peaceful sleep. Lottie, we loved you. You are gone but not forgotten. You still live in my heart.

Written by a Brother in Hope  
of seeing you again some sweet  
day, Elder Arthur May

### **LORETTA THACKER RITTER**

It is with sadness, a lot of loving memories that we will write the obituaries of our dear loving sister, Loretta.

Loretta was born February 2, 1916 in Pike County, Ky. She departed



this life December 12, 1992, at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 4 days.

She was the daughter of the late Ferrell and Ethel Stiltner Thacker. They were also members of the Primitive Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Ritter in 1979.

She was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church at Belfry, Ky. She was a true and faithful believer until God called her spirit home.

She had two sisters, Inez Winchester of Belfry, Ky., and Lacy Cisco of New Town, W. Va. She also had one brother, Don Thacker of New Town, W. Va. She also had one nephew, Billy Ferrell Cisco of New Town, W. Va., whom she loved very dearly.

She devoted most of her life helping others. She was a registered nurse. She worked as a nurse for many years, until she was overtaken by a great tragedy. She had a vision problem, which forced her to quit her nursing profession.

She was totally blind when God called her away.

We cherish her memories, and oh how we miss her, but we all feel our loss is her eternal gain.



**Loretta Thacker Ritter**

Sadly written by her two sisters,  
Inez Winchester and Lacy Cisco  
who love her so much

### **MYRTLE STILTNER**

*Who can find a virtuous woman?  
For her price is far above rubies.  
Proverbs 31:10*

Myrtle Stiltner was born July 27, 1905 to the late David C. and Sophie Thacker Bevins. She was called from this life to her heavenly home on October 8, 1992.

On May 14, 1927 she married Ballard Stiltner who preceded her in death on January 16, 1955. To this union was born eight children, two of whom also preceded her in death: Billy A. Stiltner and Bobby Joe Stiltner. Left to mourn the loss





of our precious Mommy and Mamaw are two sons, Jimmy Stiltner and Jack Stiltner; four daughters, Brenda Spears, Barbara Sue Estep, Betty Blackburn and Garnet Justice; 25 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Troy Bevins. Three grandsons and four sisters also preceded her in death.

After Daddy died, Mommy worked hard to run a household and provide for the children left at home. She always taught us the value of hard work and honesty and we saw that in her life every day. Never complaining, she always told us that the Good Lord would take care of her and he did. She made her commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ public on April 10, 1988. She was baptized by Brothers Teddy Ball and Paul Dean Justice and she joined the Grapevine Primitive Baptist Church. But, all of our lives, she instilled in each one of us an unshakable faith in God, who she believed in and trusted with her whole heart.

Never has the earth known one like our Mommy who loved those around her as much as she did. She always welcomed her family, her friends and her neighbors in for a meal or just to sit and talk for a while. We always knew that when we went home, Mommy would be there to welcome us in to be safe at home for a little while.

We know that Mommy spent many hours of pain and loneliness that none of us knew anything about. She never told us because she wanted all of us to be happy in our own lives and she didn't want to worry us. That's another example of the kind of love that she had for us, her family. But, we believe that now she is at rest from her labors in her heavenly home where she never will be sick or lonely again.

We are left now with only the memories of her and her love. Each one of us had our own special relationship with her and will hold that relationship in our hearts for all of our years to come. We truly feel a hurt and a loss that words cannot describe. We know that our loss is heaven's gain. We believe that God needed another beautiful rose for his flower garden and that's why he picked our Mommy, our Mamaw and our Mother-in-Law.

Submitted by her family



## OMA (NEWSOM) AKERS

With a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear beloved mother. She was born February 3, 1924 and passed from this life December 5, 1992 making her stay in this life 68 years, 10 months and 2 days.

She was the daughter of William McKinley Newsom and Stella (Lambert) Newsom.

She married David Akers December 30, 1940 who passed away January 7, 1977.

To this union were born 10 children: seven sons and three daughters, which all are still living. They are McKinley, David, Jr., Robert Lee, Billy, Jay, Joseph Edgar of Virgie, Ky. and Levi of Airy, Ky.; Sarah Basham of Virgie, Ky.; Susie Goff of Raccoon, Ky., and Artie Vanpelt of Staunton, Va.

She has 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Leonard and Tuell Newsom and one sister, Flossie Newsom.

Mom united with the church at age 19. She was a member of the Louisa Primitive Baptist. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend. She loved to go to church. Whenever or wherever she felt the spirit of God she wasn't ashamed to praise her God in Heaven. In her home many times while talking she would think and praise him for his blessings, even though crippled with arthritis and couldn't see in the last few years.

Though her body had much pain and suffering it is at rest now, awaiting the coming of Jesus to receive her in glory in the resurrection, where she'll sing around God's throne, which she loved to do here.

*Ps. 31:21 Blessed be the Lord for he hath showed me his marvelous kindness in a strong city.*

*Ps. 32:7 Thou art my hiding place, thou shal compass me about with songs of deliverance.*

We the children, relatives and kind friends do mourn the passing of mother. We're thankful to God for a kind and loving one as she was to everyone she knew.

By God's Grace and Mercy we'll meet again in the air.

DADDY AND MOTHER'S LOVE IS NOT KNOWN,  
UNTIL THEY'RE GONE





WITH A HEAVY LOAD THEY'VE BORNE  
TO REACH A HAPPY ETERNAL HOME.

By: daughter, Susie Goff

### ESSIE RIFFE NORMAN



WINCHESTER, Ky. — Essie Riffe Norman, 95, of Winchester, Ky., formerly of Williamson, W. Va., died Wednesday, March 4, 1992, at Winchester Manor Nursing Home in Winchester, following a lingering illness.

Born June 14, 1896, she was preceded in death by her parents, the late Rev. John D. and Jane Jude Riffe; brothers, Gabe Riffe, Harry Riffe, Garfield Riffe, Nathan Riffe and Carlos Riffe; a sister, Mary; sons, Charles S. Norman and Claude Norman; and daughters, Ada Jean Lowe and Bernadine Pember.

She was of Primitive Baptist faith.

Survivors: Grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral: Graveside services, for family only, will be conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, March 6, at Fairview Cemetery, Williamson, W. Va., with Elder Don Hatfield officiating.

There will be no visitation services.

Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, is in charge of arrangements.



## CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be called the Original Mates Creek District Primitive Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their membership in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased since the last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

5. The Association when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper Decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

7. Newly constituted churches may be admitted into the union who shall petition by letter and messenger, and (if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly), shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it shall be withdrawn by the member who made it.

11. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association, the best way and method for effecting that purpose shall be at the discretion of future Associations.

12. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same, for the raising and supporting of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by the hands of their messengers to the Association, and those monies



thus contributed by the churches and received by the Association shall be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies received by him, and pay out of the same according to the Association.

13. There shall be an Association book kept, wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary chosen for that purpose, who shall receive compensation for his trouble.

14. The Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association arises.

15. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

16. The Association shall have power: (1) To provide for the general union of the churches. (2) To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. (3) To give the churches necessary advice in matters of church difficulty. (4) To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in the Association. (5) To appropriate those monies by the churches contributed for an Association fund to any purpose they may think proper. (6) To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business they may see necessary. (7) The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of this Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. (8) To admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association. (9) The Association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the Association.

17. We welcome any and all orderly and peace-loving Primitive Baptist to visit with us.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. We believe in one true living God, who is the Creator, upholder, and righteous disposer of all things; and that He is self-existent, independent, omnipotent and eternal.

2. We believe that Jesus existed in His mediatorial Person as the head and life of His body, the church from everlasting.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal, personal and unconditional election; that the elect, or church, is and was and shall forever remain His body and fullness, and their spiritual life is hid with Christ in God.



4. We believe in the doctrine of total depravity of human nature, and that recovery from that condition is wholly and exclusively by the sovereign, free and unmerited grace of God.

5. We believe the atonement made by Christ was full and complete and exclusively for the elect, or heirs of promise.

6. We believe the doctrine of God's predestination in every sense as the Bible teaches it.

7. We believe that all the elect vessels of mercy, chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world, shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the regenerating power of God's grace, and shall ultimately enjoy heaven and immortal glory.

8. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the bodies, both of the just and the unjust, and the happiness of the righteous shall be eternal, and the punishment of the wicked shall be everlasting.

9. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and the true mode of baptism is immersion, foot washing as an example.

10. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as translated under the reign of King James, are a revelation from God, inspired by the Holy Ghost, and that the New Testament is the standard of faith and the only authorized rule of practice to the church of God under gospel dispensation. We therefore consider ourselves solemnly bound by our allegiance to the King of Zion to reject, disclaim and disfellowship all modern and ancient religious institutions or societies of which we have neither precept nor example in the New Testament.

### **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the messengers present, and that by secret ballot.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before so as to make remarks on his slips, failings and imperfections, but fairly state the case and matter as he can to convey his ideas.



6. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty obtained from the Association.

7. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

8. No member of the Association shall have liberty of laughing during the sitting of the Association, nor whispering in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation but the title of "Brother".

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in a speech or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except they break the Rules of Decorum.

11. Names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as many times as the Association may require.

12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, and he shall have no vote except the Association be equally divided. In that event he shall give the casting vote.

13. Any member who shall wilfully or knowingly break any of these rules shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

## **ORDINATION OF AN ELDER OR DEACON**

### **(Work of Presbytery)**

- 1st Organized by choosing Moderator and Clerk.
- 2nd Select one to question candidate.
- 3rd Select one to make prayer.
- 4th Select one to give charge.
- 5th Call for candidate from spokesman for church.
- 6th Examine candidate. Any one of Prebytery has right to ask questions if he desires.
- 7th If candidate is found satisfactory, then proceed with prayer and laying on of hands.
- 8th Charge is now delivered.
- 9th Candidate is now returned to the spokesman for the church as an ordained Elder or Deacon.
- 10th Minutes of proceeding read.
- 11th Adjourn.



# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE ORIGINAL MATES CREEK REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	CLERKS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Relation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting	Contributions of each church
Louisa -----	Bradley Worrix -----					1		8	113	2	\$ 155.00
Old Pond -----	Shelby Hill -----	1						2	73	2	125.00
Big Creek -----	Luther Smith -----	2			2	2			75	3	100.00
Raccoon -----	Marie Coleman -----				1			1	78	4	150.00
Peter Creek -----	Leo Coleman -----		2			2			94	4	75.00
Sulphur Springs -----	Arthur May -----						2	1	56	1	65.00
Little Hope -----	Frank Ball -----	3						1	31	1	80.00
Grapevine -----	Olen J. May -----		1					3	22	3	60.00
Samaria -----	Leslie Hatfield -----	2						2	145	3	150.00
Little Union -----	Margie Lester -----								13	1	100.00
Johns Creek -----	Bonnie Hawkins -----								32	2	50.00
Calvary -----	Andrew Hunt -----	1					3	1	30	1	50.00
Dry Fork -----	Ruth Maynard -----								58	2	75.00
Friendship -----	Martin Childers -----								23	4	40.00
Columbus -----	Sandra Harris -----	2		1			1	1	85	4	125.00
Deerfield -----	Ernest Hager -----	1						1	49	4	105.00
Pleasant Hill -----	Greg Moore -----								31	1	60.00
New Hope -----	Stella F. Thacker -----	2					1		11	4	80.00
	TOTALS -----	14	3	1	3	5	7	21	1,019		\$1,645.00



